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**NEW JERSEY CORN PLANTED ACREAGE WAS DOWN 13 PERCENT**

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed about 450 Garden State farmers as a part of a national survey to determine row crop and small grain acreage planted for harvest this year. Row crop conditions on June 1, 2005, were fair to good across the state with top soil moisture supplies rated short to adequate in most areas. Days suitable for field work averaged five to six days per week for the time period from May 16, 2005, through June 20, 2005. Total planted acreage devoted to corn in 2005, was down 13 percent from last year. Soybeans planted acreage is down 2 percent from 2004. Acreage seeded to barley for the 2005 crop year remained the same at 3,000 acres. Wheat planted acreage was unchanged from 2004. Acreage cut for dry hay was unchanged from previous year. Sweet potato planted acreage was down 8 percent from 2004. Summer potato planted acreage was down 9 percent from the previous year.

**Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1**

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest 1/			
	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2003	2004	2005	% Change
<b>New Jersey</b>	<i>- 1,000 acres -</i>				<i>- 1,000 acres -</i>			
Barley	4	3	3	NC	3	2	2	NC
Corn	80	86	75	(13)	61	72	61	(15)
All Hay	--	--	--	--	120	120	120	NC
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	30	30	30	NC
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	90	90	90	NC
Summer Potatoes	2.8	2.3	2.1	(9)	2.7	2.2	2.1	(5)
Sweet Potatoes	1.1	1.2	1.1	(8)	1.1	1.2	1.1	(8)
Soybeans	90	105	103	(2)	88	103	101	(2)
Winter Wheat	31	28	28	NC	26	24	22	(8)
<b>United States</b>	<i>- 1,000 acres -</i>				<i>- 1,000 acres -</i>			
Barley	5,348	4,527	3,970	(12)	4,727	4,021	3,471	(14)
Corn	78,603	80,930	81,592	1	70,944	73,632	74,368	1
All Hay	--	--	--	--	63,383	61,916	61,723	2/
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	23,529	21,707	22,118	2
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	39,854	40,209	39,605	(2)
Summer Potatoes	63.4	58.5	51.1	(13)	58.7	54.0	49.2	(9)
Sweet Potatoes	95.8	96.9	92.3	(5)	92.6	92.8	89.5	(4)
Soybeans	73,404	75,208	73,303	(3)	72,476	73,958	72,384	(2)
Winter Wheat	45,384	43,350	41,408	(4)	36,753	34,462	34,271	(1)

1/ Harvested for principal use, i.e., grain, beans, etc.

2/ Less than 1 percent.

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